IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIATIONS OF THE MAIN MAGNETIC FIELD DURING MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this new continuation application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

--Related Cases

This is a continuation application of U.S.

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Page 1, before line 1, insert as a centered heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

after the heading, insert at the left margin:

--1. Field of the Invention--;

between lines 5 and 6, insert at the left margin;